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Application of

Vernon Brent Barnes et al.

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Equipment and Methods for Manufacturing Cigarettes

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action mailed December 1, 2006, in the above-identified application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.

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